

**Quarterly Activity Report
Post-Hurricane Reconstruction Project
CD/EPO/Division of International Health
January-March 2002 (Quarter 2, FY02)**

Haiti

1. Highlights:

- The second module of a series of three for the Field Epidemiology Training course was planned, developed, and implemented.
- All twenty course participants completed their individual epidemiological projects that they were asked to do and start after the first workshop in November 2001. Participants' projects covered a wide variety of public health topics, from AIDS to diarrheal disease. As part of the project, participants had to collect data, analyze the data collected, write a report, and prepare a presentation.

2. IR 2 – Increased Availability of Epidemiologists in the Region and Training of Other Levels of Health Workers by These Epidemiologists

Indicator: Successful completion of FETP training

Progress:

- FETP trainees were invited to travel to the Dominican Republic for a two-week period to start their field training.
- FETP trainees started working on their surveillance project protocols.

Result:

- FETP trainees travelled to the Dominican Republic to begin their field work under the supervision of our CDC Resident Advisor there.

Action:

- Continue developing work plan for trainees to perform their field work in the Dominican Republic

Future Activities:

- FETP trainees to attend the 4th module to be held in El Salvador.
- FETP trainees to return to the Dominican Republic to complete their field work training.

Indicator: Local epidemiological capacity strengthened

Progress:

- Conducted the second module of a series of three for the Field Epidemiology Training course, which lasted two weeks.
- All twenty course participants completed their individual epidemiological projects that they were asked to do and start after the first workshop in November 2001. Participants' projects covered a wide variety of public health topics, from AIDS to diarrheal disease. As part of the project, participants had to collect data, analyze the data collected, write a report, and prepare a presentation

Results:

- During the second module, participants reviewed basic epidemiological principles through lectures and case studies, and learned about public health communication strategies and principles. Six nurses from the Haitian Extended Program in Immunization also attended the workshop in order to learn and acquire basic epidemiological skills.

Future Activities:

- Start developing and planning the third and final module of the Field Epidemiology Training course

3. IR 3 - Laboratory Rehabilitation

Progress:

- Met with the MOH Project Coordinator and the Laboratory Director to get a final progress report regarding the laboratory activities as that part of the project officially ended on March 31, 2002. The MOH counterparts informed me that some of their requests to CDC contractor who was hired to perform the work were not fulfilled due to various delays and reasons. Therefore, they have asked me to follow-up with the contractor to find out if the requests could be fulfilled even though the laboratory activities have officially ended and should already been completed.

4. Administrative Issues

- Submitted continuation proposal to USAID representatives. All partners are pleased with the outcomes of the activities of the project so far. There is interest from both the MOH and USAID in continuing the project activities after September 30, 2002, the project completion date.
- Discussed with MOH and USAID representatives about the progress of the project, the quality of the technical support being provided, and the opportunities for FETP trainees to receive additional field epidemiology training.